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OF A TRUD	Serial No.:	10/652,923)	Examiner:	Christopher R. Harmon
	Filed:	August 29, 2003)		
)	Art Unit:	3721
	For:	CONTAINER CARRYING)		
		SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)		
		USE IN AN AUTOMATED)		
		FILLING PROCESS)		

Preliminary Remarks

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding non-final Office Action issued on June 7, 2006, in the above-captioned patent application. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-4467 for the extension fee of \$2,160.00 as per our cover letter (and any other fees if applicable). With this extension, the deadline for filing the required response will be December 7, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

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